

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3-5, 12 and 14 without prejudice and please amend claims 1, 6, 7, 8, 11 and 16 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for packing objects (14), having the following method steps:

arranging the objects (14) individually in a row one behind the other,

from the start of the row onward, moving the objects (14) onto a first band (9),

winding up the band (9) such that the objects (14) are enclosed between ~~two layers of the band~~ two bands (9, 10) including the first band and a second band,

wherein the two bands (9, 10) are wound up under tensioning to compress the objects during the winding, and

wherein the objects (14) are secured between the two bands (9, 10).

2. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the objects (14) are spaced apart one behind the other.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~use is made of a band (9, 10) which at least one of the two bands~~ (9,10) is wider than the objects (14).

7. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in

claim 1, wherein ~~the band (9, 10) is, or~~ the two bands are, wound up onto a core (3).

8. (Currently Amended) A device for packing objects (14), having

a holder for accommodating an unwinding-up reel (7,8) for ~~a band~~ two bands (9, 10),

a holder for accommodating a winding-up reel (1) for the ~~band~~ two bands (9, 10),

a drive for rotating the winding-up reel (1), it being the case that

a ~~band~~ section of a first one of the two bands (9) leading from the circumference of the unwinding reel (7) to the circumference of the winding-up reel (1) remains free for accommodating an object (14),

the device having a mount for a second unwinding reel (8), wherein a second one of the two bands (10) leads from this reel (8) to the winding-up reel (1) and is arranged on the accommodating side of the first one of the two bands (9), and

the device having a means for tensioning at least the first one of the two bands (9) between the winding-up reel (1) and the unwinding reel (7) to provide compression of objects between the first band and the second band.

9. (Original) The device as claimed in claim 8, having a support for the accommodating section of the band (9), this support changing its position as the diameter of the band roll on the winding-up reel (11) at any one time changes.

10. (Original) The device as claimed in claim 8 or 9, having a deflecting roller (11) between the unwinding reel (7) and the winding-up reel (1).

11. (Currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 10, wherein the accommodating section (13) is arranged downstream of the deflecting roller (11), as seen in the transporting direction of the wound-up band.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Original) The device as claimed in claim 12, having a deflecting roller (12) for the second band (10).

14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the supply location (13) for the objects (14) is arranged in an essentially horizontally running manner.

16. (Currently amended) A packing unit containing a band roll, between the turns of which objects (14) are compressed and secured under tensioning, the objects (14) preferably being narrower than the band roll.

17. (Original) Use of a packing unit as claimed in claim 16 as an interim store for objects (14) between the various stages of a production process.